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Dear Sir:-

Re: Ralph Gorsline.

I interviewed Jacob Van Pelt at the Brunswick-Kroschell factory where he is employed. Van Pelt said that four years ago, he was in the garage business at 86 Sandford Street, corner of Commercial Avenue; that he is well acquainted with Ralph Gorsline, and that they went fishing, gunning, etc. together; that on Friday morning, September 15, 1922, Gorsline dropped into his garage as he passed there, and in a casual way told him that on the previous night he had driven up into De Russey's lane with Miss Rastall, and while there shots had been fired; that Miss Rastall became frightened and he backed out of the lane and drove away coming back into New Brunswick with her. The following day the bodies were found, and on the Tuesday following, Ferd David of the Prosecutor's office came to him and asked him what Gorsline had told him the previous Friday. Van Pelt recounted his friendship for Gorsline, told David that Gorsline had not told him anything. Apparently somebody had been present on Friday morning when Gorsline had confided in Van Pelt and David had already heard the story from this third party. Upon Van Pelt's denial, David told him that he was a liar and repeated what he claimed Gorsline had told to Van Pelt. This angered Van Pelt and he refused to talk any further with David. He assumed that undoubtedly David had a report among his papers and it got into Simpson's hands, and when he was called to Somerville he then told of the conversation. He claims he did not go forward and volunteer the information.

Respectfully yours,

David Thompson.

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